



It knowen vnto all Cristen people that by the comendacyon of our holy fader the pope Julius the seconde of that name/as from our soueraygne lord kynge Henry the. viij. by the whiche we haue straitely in comaundement/and also in vertue of holy obedience to publyshe and openly to declare a pyteous case of late tyme fortunèd & happened in Cristendome in the parties of grece/in the whiche parties or countres is descended of late tyme by great force a great multitude of false myscraunt Turkes enmyes of our holy saythe catholyke And pryncypally in a good cyte called Capharye/in the whiche there dwelled a noble Man named syr Mychaell of Paleolog Brother vnto þ duke Maioz of Constantynople/the whiche lord hath foughten and resysted agaynst the sayd Turkes the space of. iij. monethes trustynge alway to haue had some hope/ayde/and socoure of his brethzen cristen men. But at the laste the false and cursed turkes hath taken the sayde cyte/& utterly hath dystroyed it/& bzent Churches & other holy places where as oure lord Ihesu crist was serued & honoured. And they haue put to dethe so many cristen men that of þ nombre of. x. thousande there escaped on lyue but xv. the whiche ben taken prysoners & ben put vnto a great ransoune/that is to saye. xij. thousande Ducates of golde And the sayde lord of Paleolog hath ben lete out for to purchase and gader togyder the sayde ransone. And he hath leste his wyfe and his children for pledge in hostage vnto the tyme that the sayde sūme of money be payed/the whiche is Impossyble to hym for to paye without þ helpe of god & good cristen people/for he hath lost all his moeuable goodes and all his castelles/herytages/landes and possessyons/and he hath no more recomforte/but all onely in god/ & in good cristen people. Wherfore our sayde holy fader duely enfourmed of these pyteous thynges aforesayd/and consyderynge that the Turke dothe enforce hymselfe frome daye to daye or to destroye and confounde Cristendome and utterly to set at nought and put out of memory the name of our lord Ihesu crist. And also the great doloure and martyrdom that they make for to suffre & endure to our cristen brethzen/ Impossyble for any erthely creature to endure withoute pyteous dethe. Our holy fader the pope consyderynge the pemysses hath opened the tresoure of oure Moder holy Church: that is the meryte of the Passyon of our lord Ihesu crist and hath gyuen/ and gyueth to all theym that of theyr charyte gyueth of theyr goodes after theyr faculte & power as often and as many tymes as they do so they shall optayne and receyue. l. yerres/and fyfty lentes of grace and of pardon in remyssyon of theyr culpe and synnes.

Also our soueraygne lord kynge Henry the. viij. aforesayd wylleth as it appereth by his maundement vnder his mooste graciously letters patentis the sayd. And Indulgences be publyshed thorowout this his Realme of Englonde/and that the almes and deuocions of the good Cristen people be gadred for to gyue vnto the sayde pooze Duke or to his procuratoures that shall gader in his name for to helpe & paye his aforesayd ransone/and for to helpe our cristen brethzen the whiche endureth so moche payne & mysery where as they ben detayned and in captuyte at this present tyme/ and hath ben taken in vengynge the oppressyon & Injury of the moost pyteous dethe & passyon of our blyssed sauour and redemptour Ihesu crist.

Our holy fader the pope hath gyuen and graunted to euery man woman and childe that helpe and releue the sayd Duke. l. yerres and. l. lentes totiens quotiens.

Also our Reuerent fader in god the Patriarke of Iherusalem hath gyuen and graunted. x. yerres of grace and pardon totiens quotiens.

Also our Reuerent fader in god the Patriarke of Constantynople hath gyuen and graunted. x. yerres of pardon totiens quotiens.

Also our Reuerent fader in god the Patriarke of Vemye hath gyuen & graunted. x. yerres of pdon totiens quotiens.

Also the. xxiij. Cardinales occupenge the Rome of the. xii. Apostles Euery of theym hath gyuen a. C. ayres of pardon.

Item the. iiii. generall orders at Rome dayly prayeth for the good state and profuerite of þ duke in whiche helpe releue or do theyr charitable almes vnto this duke.